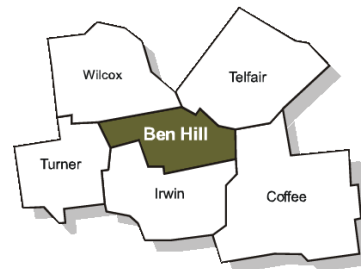




Area Labor Profile

Ben Hill

County



Updated: Dec 2016

Labor Force Activity - 2015

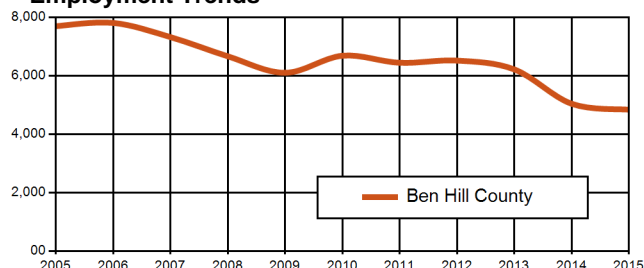
2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Ben Hill	5,318	4,837	481	9.0%
Coffee	17,395	16,253	1,142	6.6%
Irwin	3,058	2,809	249	8.1%
Telfair	4,877	4,463	414	8.5%
Turner	3,243	3,031	212	6.5%
Wilcox	2,742	2,534	208	7.6%
Ben Hill Area	36,633	33,927	2,706	7.4%
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%

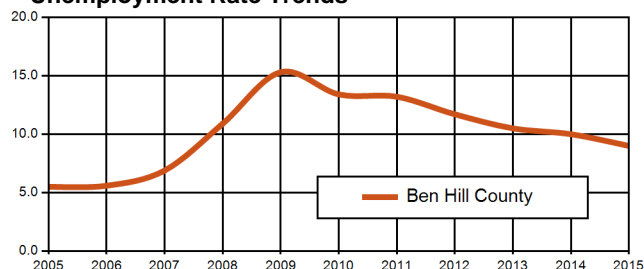
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

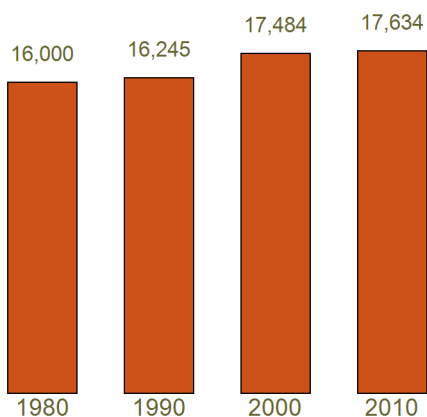
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
Ben Hill	17,634	205	17,403	-1.3	18,506	4.9
City of Fitzgerald	9,053					
Ben Hill Area	104,213		103,227	-0.9	106,869	2.5
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

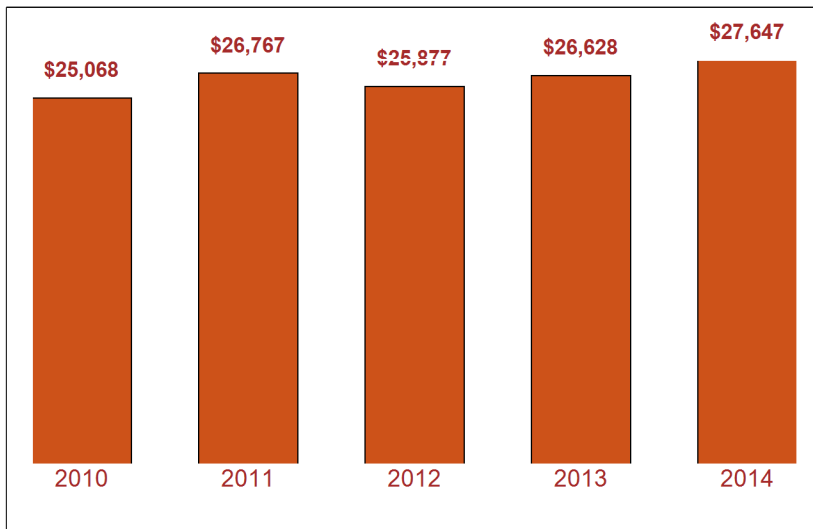
INDUSTRY	Ben Hill				Ben Hill Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	59	1,850	32.0	703	334	8,469	27.2	653
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	13	*	*	*	102	1,288	4.1	575
Construction	16	57	1.0	576	125	1,281	4.1	679
Manufacturing	30	1,387	24.0	719	107	5,900	18.9	664
Food	3	*	*	*	9	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	3	244	0.8	771
Textile Mills	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Wood Product	6	350	6.1	783	19	891	2.9	685
Paper	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	6	19	0.1	736
Chemical	2	*	*	*	7	310	1.0	978
Plastics and Rubber Products	1	*	*	*	9	65	0.2	666
Fabricated Metal Product	3	*	*	*	13	507	1.6	726
Machinery	2	*	*	*	7	995	3.2	480
Transportation Equipment	5	318	5.5	553	12	1,205	3.9	691
Miscellaneous	3	18	0.3	683	7	26	0.1	592
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	7	170	0.5	833
Service-Providing	269	2,842	49.2	493	1,489	16,349	52.5	549
Utilities	1	*	*	*	10	114	0.4	947
Wholesale Trade	21	101	1.7	963	102	1,063	3.4	708
Retail Trade	71	792	13.7	529	404	3,610	11.6	470
Transportation and Warehousing	6	313	5.4	565	69	1,997	6.4	748
Information	4	37	0.6	958	21	157	0.5	709
Finance and Insurance	27	183	3.2	533	126	710	2.3	714
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	18	29	0.5	438	71	190	0.6	503
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	14	40	0.7	696	98	442	1.4	667
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	7	*	*	*
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	13	473	8.2	465	54	2,253	7.2	496
Educational Services	1	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Health Care and Social Assistance	31	341	5.9	461	172	2,906	9.3	649
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2	*	*	*	18	128	0.4	226
Accommodation and Food Services	33	403	7.0	236	143	2,132	6.8	244
Other Services (except Public Administration)	26	101	1.7	402	131	444	1.4	493
Unclassified - industry not assigned	16	13	0.2	438	58	67	0.2	548
Total - Private Sector	344	4,705	81.4	576	1,823	24,818	79.7	585
Total - Government	26	1,076	18.6	602	193	6,321	20.3	602
Federal Government	3	26	0.4	827	47	245	0.8	827
State Government	12	105	1.8	676	64	1,492	4.8	628
Local Government	11	945	16.3	588	82	4,584	14.7	581
ALL INDUSTRIES	370	5,781	100.0	581	2,016	31,141	100.0	588
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					298,099	4,257,675		930

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

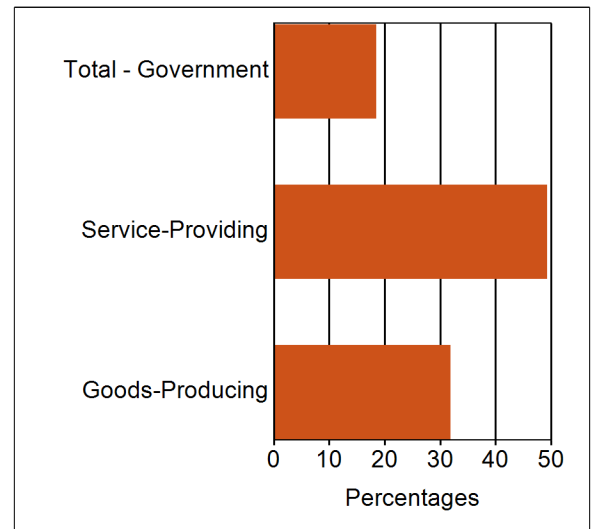
Ben Hill Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Ben Hill Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015*

Ben Hill

American Blanching Company, Inc.
Gbw Railcar Services, LLC
Gilman Building Products
Labor Finders
Look Trailers
Modern Dispersions South, Inc.
Polar Corporation
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.
Southern Veneer Products
Walmart

*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Ben Hill Area

American Blanching Company, Inc.
Coffee Correctional Facility
Coffee Regional Medical Center, Inc.
Consumer Outdoor Products, Inc.
McRae Correctional Facility
Packers Sanitation Services, Inc.
Pcc Airfoils, Inc.
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
StaffMate
Walmart

COUNTY

Ben Hill
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Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Ben Hill

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Ben Hill, GA	4,463	74.1
Irwin, GA	615	10.2
Tift, GA	242	4.0
Coffee, GA	204	3.4
Wilcox, GA	77	1.3
Duval, FL	53	0.9
Crisp, GA	41	0.7
Dodge, GA	38	0.6
Other	287	4.8
Total Residents:	6,020	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Ben Hill

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Ben Hill, GA	4,463	72.0
Irwin, GA	753	12.2
Wilcox, GA	306	4.9
Tift, GA	184	3.0
Coffee, GA	139	2.2
Telfair, GA	87	1.4
Berrien, GA	79	1.3
Baker, GA	38	0.6
Other	146	2.4
Total Residents:	6,195	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Ben Hill Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	8.8%	2.8%	6.1%	6.6%	7.9%	20.3%
Some High School	20.2%	29.4%	22.1%	15.9%	18.6%	19.7%
High School Grad/GED	39.1%	41.5%	37.7%	43.6%	38.1%	35.5%
Some College	16.2%	19.5%	16.2%	17.0%	16.5%	12.2%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.2%	4.1%	7.5%	7.1%	7.6%	2.5%
College Grad 4 Yr	5.6%	2.0%	6.9%	5.5%	6.1%	6.1%
Post Graduate Studies	4.0%	0.7%	3.6%	4.5%	5.3%	3.8%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Ben Hill	165	--	165
Coffee	424	--	424
Irwin	95	--	95
Telfair	85	--	85
Turner	71	--	71
Wilcox	86	--	86
Ben Hill Area	926	--	926



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

Colleges and Universities

Ben Hill Area

Ben Hill

East Central Technical College	www.eastcentraltech.edu
Ben Hill-Irwin Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu

Telfair

Little Ocmulgee Center (Loic) (Satellite campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College)	www.oftc.edu
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Coffee

South Georgia State College	www.sgc.edu
Coffee County Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu

Wilcox

Wilcox Learning Center (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)	www.wiregrass.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	148	169	322	14.2	90.5
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	141	140	219	-0.7	56.4
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	27	34	98	25.9	188.2
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	102	113	291	10.8	157.5
Animation, Interactive Tech, Video Graphics and Sp°	3	8	8	166.7	0.0
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	16	29	55	81.3	89.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	101	105	414	4.0	294.3
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	53	74	188	39.6	154.1
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	5	2	1	-60.0	-50.0
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	11	9	42	-18.2	366.7
Carpentry/Carpenter°	16	8	25	-50.0	212.5
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	147	179	458	21.8	155.9
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	8	12	16	50.0	33.3
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	12	14	200.0	16.7
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	53	63	136	18.9	115.9
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	256	304	736	18.8	142.1
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	154	229	528	48.7	130.6
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	52	41	111	-21.2	170.7
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	47	49	126	4.3	157.1
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician°	6	7	17	16.7	142.9
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	18	22	50	22.2	127.3
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	159	107	256	-32.7	139.3
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	21	11	49	-47.6	345.5
Electrician°	32	56	155	75.0	176.8
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	163	163	415	0.0	154.6
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	17	22	33	29.4	50.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	29	55	93.3	89.7
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	71	98	198	38.0	102.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	131	148	215	13.0	45.3

Technical College Graduates - 2015*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology/Technician°	3	1	12	-66.7	1100.0
Human Resources Management/Personnel Administration, General°	5	6	18	20.0	200.0
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	47	64	123	36.2	92.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	200	150	301	-25.0	100.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	7	12	37	71.4	208.3
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	15	18	38	20.0	111.1
Medical Insurance Specialist/Medical Biller°	46	58	97	26.1	67.2
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	9	4	1	-55.6	-75.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	95	61	146	-35.8	139.3
Medical/Health Management and Clinical Assistant/Specialist°	8	14	17	75.0	21.4
Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician°	13	12	25	-7.7	108.3
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	69	34	205	-50.7	502.9
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	89	124	293	39.3	136.3
Operations Management and Supervision°	2	4	3	100.0	-25.0
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	29	32	42	10.3	31.3
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	53	60	60	13.2	0.0
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	11	19	44	72.7	131.6
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	42	46	53	9.5	15.2
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	71	55	103	-22.5	87.3
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	17	18	11	5.9	-38.9
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Social Work, Other°	19	16	18	-15.8	12.5
Surgical Technology/Technologist	26	22	41	-15.4	86.4
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	169	257	507	52.1	97.3
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant°	14	11	19	-21.4	72.7
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	2	1	3	-50.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	191	316	488	65.4	54.4

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Ben Hill	116	15	9	0	8	11	2	0	13	1	21	36
Coffee	587	53	103	6	15	5	21	0	40	24	141	179
Irwin	69	22	3	0	9	3	0	0	5	2	23	2
Telfair	65	2	5	0	3	0	3	0	45	2	0	5
Turner	72	2	25	9	0	0	0	0	18	1	7	10
Wilcox	118	18	0	0	20	12	7	0	19	0	17	25
Subtotal Area	1,027	112	145	15	55	31	33	0	140	30	209	257

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Ben Hill	1,766	7	56	18	39	170	309	15	59	273	526	294
Coffee	7,246	115	270	79	119	730	1,117	184	324	460	1,910	1,938
Irwin	912	9	9	5	6	167	269	28	45	10	154	210
Telfair	1,021	18	28	11	14	87	195	1	28	30	357	252
Turner	960	14	33	28	14	104	212	2	20	52	263	218
Wilcox	628	22	47	18	3	35	183	3	24	30	99	164
Subtotal Area	12,533	185	443	159	195	1,293	2,285	233	500	855	3,309	3,076

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

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